

Santa Rosa County Building Inspection Department



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Or e-mail suggestions to: permits@co.santa-rosa.fl.us

Over 54,000 inspections in 1999.

Permit Applications are now available on the Santa Rosa County web site, at www.co.santa-rosa.fl.us. These forms can now be downloaded whenever you need them!

Registered to Certified: We now have the applications and processing information regarding upgrading from Registered to Certified Status. These forms are available in our office.

Workman's Compensation Exemption applications have changed. If you have not updated your Workman's compensation exemption, the new forms are available in our office. ****NOTE:** Your former exemption expired in your birth month in 1999.

Elevation Certificates are now required to be in our office prior to any rough inspections. In accordance with section 10.02.02(E) of the Land Development Code the permit holder has 21 days from the establishment of the lowest floor to furnish an elevation certificate to our office. Any work done within that 21-day period is at the permit holder's risk. **Only original signed and sealed elevation certificates will be accepted. No copies or faxes.**

All construction plans need to show the placement of and location of Electrical and Mechanical equipment. Electrical, plumbing and other utility connections are prohibited below the base flood elevation. This equipment also needs to be shown on the elevation certificate. This means that the equipment pad must be in place before

the rough inspections can be done.

Changes: Approved plans **must match** what has been constructed on the job site. If the construction and the plans do not coincide with one another, then there are two options. **Either** have the plans revised to match the construction and submit the revisions to our office for plan review **or** remove the non-complying construction and rebuild it. The documents in our office must match the construction plans and the building being built.

Termites: In addition to soil treatment, we are now accepting **Borate** Treatment for termites. Since there are now two approved methods of treatment for termites a letter stating the intended method to be used is required to be submitted prior to permit issuance. Your plans must also state the intended type of treatment method to be used. Upon completion of the treatment and before a framing inspection can be done, a letter from the pest control company stating the method of termite treatment used must be received in our office.

NEW FLOOD MAPS became effective January 19, 2000. We will be requiring the information from the new flood maps on the elevation certificates for all permits issued on January 19, 2000 or after. FEMA has also updated the Elevation Certificate and will be phasing them in through October. The new elevation certificate can be downloaded from the FEMA web site, www.fema.gov.